

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Washington State is home to 29 federally recognized Indian Tribes who play a vital role in the social, political, and economic fabric of the state; and

WHEREAS, members and descendants of tribes from all over the country also reside in the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, the many contributions and achievements of American Indians have enhanced freedom, prosperity and the cultural diversity of this state; and

WHEREAS, Washingtonians acknowledge and respect the history and heritage of American Indians, and recognize the many contributions made by American Indian citizens; and

WHEREAS, Washington joins other states across the nation in celebrating American Indian Heritage Month to honor the unique heritage of this continent's First People, and to reaffirm the commitment to respect each tribe's sovereignty and identity;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim November 2013 as

American Indian Heritage Month

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 18th day of October, 2013

Governor Jay Inslee

